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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: GAS DEL ESTADO AUSTRAL PIPELINE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2738, PREVIOUS

1. REUBEN J. GOLDMAN, MANAGER OF ENGINEERING AND COORDINATION, OCEANIC CONTRACTORS, SUBSIDIARY J. RAY MCDERMOTT, WORLD'S LARGEST OFFSHORE CONTRACTOR, CONTACTED COMMERCE MEPD RE SUBJECT PROJECT. ACCORDING GOLDMAN, OCEANIC SUBMITTED BID OF 24.3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE AGAINST ETPM OF FRANCE, VIKING OFFSHORE OF NETHERLANDS, SANTA FE ENGINEERING, AND BROWN & ROOT OF U.S. ALL OF WHOM MADE PROPOSALS EXCEEDING 50 MILLION DOLLARS.

2. GOLDMAN CLAIMS THAT, DESPITE BIDDING, DIRECTOR OF GAS DEL ESTADO AND SECRETARY OF ENERGY IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS HAVE DECIDED TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ETPM ON BASIS
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RECOMMENDATION FROM PROJECT CONSULTANTS. R.J. BROWN REPORTEDLY BELIEVES OCEANIC'S PROPOSED METHODOLOGY NOT ADEQUATE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROJECT. U.S. FIRM DISPUTES THIS AND CLAIMS TO HAVE COMPLETED A SIMILAR PROJECT FOR ANCHORAGE GAS COMPANY AND OBTAINED WRITTEN

STATEMENT OF SATISFACTION FROM CUSTOMER.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP
ON SUBJECT AND ANY COMMENT IT MAY WISH MAKE ON MATTER.
PRIORITY REPLY APPRECIATED. VANCE

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